

Week ending November 19, 2006

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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 3.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, November 19, 2006**. The surplus of moisture is holding back the planting of winter wheat. Sweet potato operators are wrapping up harvesting activities. With the emergence of ryegrass, more producers are grazing cattle to make up for the shortage of hay supplies. Soil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 3 percent short, 51 percent adequate, and 46 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 11/19/06					Crop condition for week ending 11/19/06					
Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average	Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Cotton, harvested	100	100	100	96	Livestock	14	16	25	38	7
Peanuts, harvested	97	96	--	--	Winter Wheat	0	5	36	45	14
Soybeans, harvested	100	100	100	97						
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	95	90	100	98						
Winter Wheat, planted	74	64	97	88						
Winter Wheat, emerged	60	50	62	65						

## Comments

“After the rain this week, the field work will probably be limited to only the fastest drying, lighter soils. Not a lot of field preparation was completed prior to the October rains. This halted fieldwork and limited the harvesting activities to only a few hours a day when crops dried.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“There is only a small amount of cotton left in the fields. I expect some peanuts may not be harvested in the Delta in fields that do not drain well. Wheat planting will likely be smaller than expected at one point as a result of increased corn planting intentions.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Recent frosts have virtually stopped all summer grass growth. Winter forages are growing fairly well now. Most all of the row crops have been harvested.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

“Frosts have begun to kill most of our warm-season grasses. Fescue and ryegrass are growing well. Producers are counting on this to help overcome a severe hay shortage. Cotton harvesting finished up this week.”

— Ed Williams, Oktibbeha

“Most producers are starting to graze winter forages. Cool-season vegetables are looking good.”

— Billy J. Lee, Pearl River

“This week’s rainfall has water standing in low areas that have not had standing water for two years. The first hard freeze and substantial frost occurred this week. Ryegrass, fall vegetables, and winter wheat have improved greatly with the additional rainfall this week. Fall grazing for beef cattle is much better than in the past two years.”

— Florieda K. Mason, Perry

“Rain in the past couple of weeks, coupled with mild temperatures, have made winter grazing jump. Some ryegrass fields are being grazed and many others are very close. Many producers are still planting after waiting on adequate soil moisture before putting seed in the ground. Some summer hay was cut last week as producers are trying to amass enough hay to make it through the winter.”

— Victor Lee, Simpson

“Dry weather forecasts this week past should allow growers to finish planting wheat. Gins have finished.”

— Don Respass, Coahoma

“Most producers are through with their harvesting, but there are a few with late-planted cotton, beans, and rice that have not yet completed harvesting.”

— Mack Young, Quitman

“Deer hunting season opens Saturday, November 18, in our area. Most producers are either headed to the woods or thinking about it.”  
— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“The harvest is complete. Yields have varied from field to field. Wheat is benefiting from the rain that we have received.”  
— Melvin Oatis, Benton

“Cotton harvesting has finished for practical purposes. We still have stalks to cut.”  
— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Thunderstorms with heavy rains have stalled fall tillage and the remaining harvest operations. Wheat emergence appears to be good.”  
— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Wet field conditions continue to delay wheat planting and other field work. If the good weather forecast for this week holds true, wheat planting should be completed by Saturday night. Happy Thanksgiving.”  
— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

(Additional comments appear at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>)

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Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 11/19/06													
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Plan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
<b>Upper Delta</b>													
Cleveland	69	33	50	53	-3	0.85	-0.60	2	3.64				
Lambert	73	32	50			2.05	0.81	2	8.88				
Tunica	60	34	50	52	-2	2.28	0.97	4	4.61				
Extreme/Average	73	32	50	53	-3	2.17	0.85	3	8.88				
<b>North-Central</b>													
Calhoun City	69	29	47	51	-4	1.02	-0.14	2	5.01				
Hickory Flat	69	27	49	50	-1	2.36	1.00	2	6.07				
Independence	69	28	46	51	-5	2.53	1.36	2	6.09				
Oxford	71	30	49	51	-2	1.76	0.46	3	5.33				
Extreme/Average	71	27	47	52	-5	1.77	0.48	2	6.09				
<b>Northeast</b>													
Booneville	69	30	50	50		1.72	0.38	2	8.40				
Iuka	64	26	44	49	-5	1.86	0.49	3	5.31				
Ripley	67	28	45	49	-4	1.83	0.45	2	4.94				
Verona	71	32	48	52	-4	1.55	0.41	2	5.48				
Extreme/Average	71	26	46	51	-5	1.75	0.45	2	4.94				
<b>Lower Delta</b>													
Moorhead	68	35	51	54	-3	1.10	-0.17	2	4.73				
Rolling Fork	71	34	52	54	-2	0.82	-0.33	2	4.72				
Stoneville	69	28	51	53	-2	0.73	-0.53	3	3.47				
Yazoo City	70	32	51	55	-4	0.25	-0.97	1	3.39				
Extreme/Average	71	28	51	55	-4	0.88	-0.39	2	4.73				
<b>Central</b>													
Canton				55		0.00	-1.27	0	4.67				
Carthage	65	30	45	54	-9	0.81	-0.47	2	5.34				
Eupora	70	29	48	52	-4	0.95	-0.30	2	5.10				
Lexington	71	29	48	53	-5	0.94	-0.37	2	3.92				
Extreme/Average	71	29	48	54	-6	0.94	-0.33	2	3.92				
<b>East-Central</b>													
Aberdeen	71	32	50	52	-2	0.99	-0.13	3	7.57				
Houston	68	29	47	51	-4	1.35	0.07	3	6.14				
Philadelphia				54		0.27	-1.06	1	3.32				
State University	73	21	46	53	-7	0.54	-0.58	2	4.14				
Extreme/Average	73	21	47	54	-7	0.96	-0.27	3	5.95				
<b>Southwest</b>													
Crystal Springs	70	32	53	57	-4	0.26	-0.84	2	4.13				
Natchez	70	32	53	58	-5	0.60	-0.73	2	5.60				
Vicksburg	73	33	53			1.00	0.00	2	4.81				
Extreme/Average	73	32	53	56	-3	0.62	-0.61	2	4.47				
<b>South-Central</b>													
Collins	73	31	50	56	-6	5.40	4.23	1	13.10				
Columbia	72	35	52	57	-5	1.05	-0.13	2	7.27				
Tylertown	72	32	51	58	-7	3.94	2.79	2	5.20				
Extreme/Average	73	31	51	56	-5	3.46	2.28	2	10.19				
<b>Southeast</b>													
Beaumont						0.00	0.00	0	0.00				
Hattiesburg	73	32	52	57	-5	3.02	1.73	2	6.43				
Laurel	72	32	51	56	-5	4.16	2.98	2	8.11				
Newton	73	27	49	54	-5	0.72	-0.54	2	4.61				
Extreme/Average	73	27	51	56	-5	4.16	2.94	2	8.11				
<b>Coastal</b>													
Gulfport	71	41	56	60	-4	6.83	5.64	2	8.47				
Picayune	74	36	55	58	-3	2.00	0.80	1	4.20				
Extreme/Average	74	36		59		0.00	0.00	0	0.00				
<b>State</b>	74	21	49	55	-6	1.83	0.58	2	6.19				

DFN = Departure from Normal.